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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report 4-20-12

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"The disappearance of nations would impoverish us no less than if all people were made alike, with one character, one face. Nations are the wealth of mankind, they are its generalized personalities; the smallest of them has its own particular colors, and embodies a particular facet of God's design."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn



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- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
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- Washington Post
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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

Better Understanding of Psychosocial Consequences of Disasters Needed, Report Says
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/better-understanding-of-psychosocial-consequences-of-disasters-needed-report-says/8dc0f958951ddc45ded0930fecd54303.html>

Marathon as dry-run disaster (Massachusetts)
http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2008/04/21/marathon_as_dry_run_disaster/

National Emergency Alert System Goes Live
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/National-Emergency-Alert-System-Goes-Live.html?elq=93e26841c9f54fdc8c3e334e2253d881&elqCampaignId=322>

It's Not Just Fukushima: Mass Disaster Evacuations Challenge Planners
<http://news.yahoo.com/not-just-fukushima-mass-disaster-evacuations-challenge-planners-160100287.html>

Animal Welfare Groups Help Include Pets in Disaster Recovery
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Partnering-With-Animal-Welfare-Groups.html>

Deadly March Tornadoes Were First Billion-Dollar Disaster of 2012
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=deadly-march-tornadoes-were-first-billion-dollar-disaster-of-2012>

Fewer need to flee as county revamps its decades-old hurricane strategy (Florida)
<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/storm/storm-news/fewer-need-to-flee-as-county-revamps-its-2309763.html>

Thousands housed in trailers after Katrina may get payments
<http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/17/11256591-thousands-housed-in-trailers-after-katrina-may-get-payments?lite>

Could Better Tornado Warnings Cause Complacency?
http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2012/04/16/us/ap-us-severe-storms.html?_r=2&ref=aponline

Al Qaeda bomb-making expert publishes magazine detailing how to make explosives
<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/al-qaeda-bomb-making-expert-publishes-magazine-detailing-explosives-article-1.1058969>

Two Coast Guard members shot dead on Alaskan island
http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/12/us/alaska-coast-guard-shootings/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

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PENTAGON ANNOUNCES NEW STRATEGY: RAPIDLY DEVELOP CYBERWEAPONS TO ATTACK SPECIFIC TARGETS

<http://www.popsoci.com/technology/article/2012-04/pentagons-new-cyber-strategy-develop-customized-cyberweapons-mere-days>

Army wants uniform to repel nearly all invisible threats, too

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47045379/ns/technology_and_science-innovation/

Documents provide rare insight into FBI's terrorism stings

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/documents-provide-rare-insight-into-fbis-terrorism-stings/2012/04/13/gIQASJ6CGT_story.html

NYPD Issues Warning About Explosive 'Drano Bombs'

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/04/13/nypd-issues-warning-about-dangerous-and-explosive-drano-bombs/>

The 'Patriot' Movement Explodes

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2012/spring/the-year-in-hate-and-extremism>

Nativist Movement Collapses Amid Infighting

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2012/spring/the-year-in-nativism>

'Geeks' become military's new warriors

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/apr/14/geeks-become-militarys-new-warriors/?page=1#article>

Report: Threat from anti-jihadist extremists grows

<http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/16/11230654-report-threat-from-anti-jihadist-extremists-grows?lite>

Government Accountability Office Reports on Vacancies within the FBI's Counterterrorism Division and Long-Term Sustainability

<https://www.hsdl.org/hslog/?q=node/6952>

Cutting-edge Navy warship being built in Maine

<http://news.yahoo.com/cutting-edge-navy-warship-being-built-maine-063753789.html>

Va. Tech remembers 32 victims of 2007 massacre

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/campus-overload/post/va-tech-remembers-32-victims-of-2007-massacre/2012/04/16/gIQAXeBdKT_blog.html

Joplin District Rep: Don't Use Hallways as Tornado Shelters (Missouri)

<http://www.campusafetymagazine.com/Blog/Campus-Command-Post/Story/2012/01/Don-t-Use-Hallways-As-Tornado-Shelters.aspx>

Bill to change annual campus security reports

<http://flathatnews.com/2012/04/16/bill-to-change-annual-campus-security-reports/>

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Emergency preparedness important to the disabled (Illinois)

http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/disability_issues&id=8591215&rss=rss-wls-article-8591215

Big gaps found in nursing homes' disaster plans

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/big-gaps-found-nursing-homes-040318471.html>

A Look behind the Scenes – Part II: The Website Accessibility Information Gap

<http://usodep.blogs.govdelivery.com/2012/04/17/a-look-behind-the-scenes-part-ii-the-website-accessibility-information-gap/>

Engineers put five-story building on seismic shake table to test for earthquake, fire readiness

<http://phys.org/news/2012-04-five-story-seismic-table-earthquake-readiness.html>

Volcanic plumbing provides clues on eruptions and earthquakes

<http://phys.org/news/2012-04-volcanic-plumbing-clues-eruptions-earthquakes.html>

"Irene" retired from list of Atlantic Basin storm names

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2012/20120413_irene.html

How to Prevent Oil Spills

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/14/opinion/nocera-how-to-prevent-oil-spills.html?_r=1&src=tp&smid=fb-share

Plan to Track Quake Threat Is Questioned (California)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/15/us/plan-to-track-quake-threat-near-diablo-canyon-is-questioned.html?hpw>

Enhanced Real-time Earthquake Information Now Online

http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3171&from=rss&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook

Florida Wildfires Mean Falling Ash, Low Humidity

<http://news.yahoo.com/florida-wildfires-mean-falling-ash-low-humidity-175800291.html>

'Tornado Alley' grows wider, report says

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/tornadoes/story/2012-04-09/tornado-alley/54157872/1>

How the Virginia earthquake packed such a punch

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/how-the-virginia-earthquake-packed-such-a-punch/2012/04/18/gIQAIVqRT_story.html?hpid=z4

17 Floors Up, Rescue of 3 Shows Clash of Agencies (New York)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/14/nyregion/skyscraper-rescue-shows-clash-of-ny-police-and-fire-depts.html?_r=2&adxnnl=1&ref=albaker&adxnnlx=1334451626-03Ylybggz30n+Nx14lfHXg

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The 2080 Census: The World As We (Don't) Know It

<http://www.npr.org/2012/04/15/150491261/the-2080-census-the-world-as-we-dont-know-it?sc=fb&cc=fp>

City EMS chief McCaughan to take Highmark job (Massachusetts)

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_788101.html#ixzz1sE2fOViM

FDNY Lt. Richard Nappi dies in Brooklyn fire (New York)

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/firefighters-injured-three-alarm-brooklyn-blaze-article-1.1062534#ixzz1slvjityP>

Emergency planning saves lives in Indonesia today

http://www.mercycorps.org/paulieffery/blog/26776?source=9810&utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=Facebook_Fans&utm_content=Indonesia%2BUdpate%2BApril11

Nations call for focus on disaster risk reduction at Rio+20

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26226&pid:50>

Antigovernment Conspiracy Theorists Rail against UN's Agenda 21 Program

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2012/spring/behind-the-green-mask>

Cardboard cathedral to replace church destroyed in New Zealand quake

<http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/16/11219964-cardboard-cathedral-to-replace-church-destroyed-in-new-zealand-quake?lite>

Japan reflects on triple disaster: Looking back, information flow is crucial during a crisis

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26087&a=email>

Experts: IRA dissidents could crash Olympics party (United Kingdom)

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/17457907/experts-ira-dissidents-could-crash-olympics-party>

In Africa, U.S. troops moving slowly against Joseph Kony and his militia

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/in-africa-us-troops-moving-slowly-against-joseph-kony-and-his-militia/2012/04/16/gIQAtwMKMT_story.html?td=sm_facebook&utm_campaign=wpapp

More effective disaster monitoring and response system for ASEAN through collaborative effort of AHA Centre and the USA

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26194&a=email>

250-year-old question: What's happening under Gibraltar?

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47009478/ns/technology_and_science-science/

Environment Agency warns of flash flood risk in drought (United Kingdom)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-17679723>

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How to handle asteroid threats

<http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/12/11167908-how-to-handle-asteroid-threats?lite>

As Cholera Season Bears Down On Haiti, Vaccination Program Stalls

http://m.npr.org/news/front/148473966?singlePage=true&utm_source=NHC+Master+List&utm_campaign=07725af25f-DR_585&utm_medium=email

China reports bird flu outbreak

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/china-reports-bird-flu-outbreak-142706642.html>

Ashton: Iran nuclear talks 'constructive and useful'

http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/14/world/meast/iran-nuclear/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

10 Egyptian Presidential Hopefuls Barred

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2112024,00.html>

Now heading for the South Atlantic: The Falklands task force 30 years on...

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/moslive/article-2129278/Falklands-task-force-30-years-The-Navys-21st-century-destroyer--heading-South-Atlantic.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

Dalai Lama eyes reform in China, fearing 'revolution'

<http://news.yahoo.com/dalai-lama-eyes-reform-china-fearing-revolution-071703085.html>

War Shifts Canada's Military Expectations

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203750404577173330113550946.html?mod=whats_now&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Mohamed Nasheed talks about 'The Island President,' keeping fragile democracy afloat

http://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/mohamed-nasheed-talks-about-the-island-president-keeping-fragile-democracy-afloat/2012/04/12/gIQAUzvCFT_story.html?hpid=z10

Silicon Valley Joins the Maldives on Threat List for Sea Level Rise

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/anthonykosner/2012/04/14/silicon-valley-joins-the-maldives-on-threat-list-for-sea-level-rise/>

The new Cold War? As climate change melts polar ice cap, militaries vie for Arctic advantage

<http://news.yahoo.com/cold-war-climate-change-melts-polar-ice-cap-193027418.html>

In Poll, Many Link Weather Extremes to Climate Change

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/18/science/earth/americans-link-global-warming-to-extreme-weather-poll-says.html?hp>

There's more to nuclear fusion than ITER

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428593.600-theres-more-to-nuclear-fusion-than-iter.html>

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US grabs lead over China in clean energy race

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-grabs-lead-over-china-clean-energy-race-231942326.html>

Geothermal experiment on Newberry Volcano gets OK

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2017994309_aporvolcanogeothermal.html

The World Can Be Powered by Renewable Energy says Stanford researcher Mark Z. Jacobson

<http://futurewewant.org/2012/world-powered-by-renewables/>

Independent Assessment of the Indiana State Fair Collapse Presentation

<http://www.wittassociates.com/news/archive/appearances/2012/04/12/independent-assessment-of-the-indiana-state-fair-collapse-presentation/>

UC Davis November 18, 2011 "Pepper Spray Incident" Task Force Report (California)

<http://reynosoreport.ucdavis.edu/reynoso-report.pdf>

Management Deficiency Report: General Services Administration Public Building Service 2010 Western Regions Conference

<http://www.gsaig.gov/?LinkServID=90537F5B-FBF8-E39E-A4F0D09005742C28&showMeta=0>

PBS Frontline, Nuclear Aftershocks

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/newshome/13381016/pell-says-adam-and-eve-didnt-exist>

Ready to Serve: CNCS CEO Wendy Spencer- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjfVTcyGsUc>

I Can Help - A Tribute to Service Dogs- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbiz3zpkzx&feature=share>

What to do to make it Through Preparedness Website

<http://news.yahoo.com/wildfires-engulf-tennessee-probed-jersey-york-214302998.html>

Top 10 Worst U.S. Tornadoes

http://www.weather.com/outlook/weather-news/news/articles/tornadoes-top-10-worst_2012-04-10

Pacific Northwest Tsunami Evacuation Zones

<http://www.nanoos.org/nvs/nvs.php?section=NVS-Products-Tsunamis-Evacuation>

Southern Poverty Law Center, 'Nativist Extremist' Groups 2011

<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2012/spring/nativist-extremist-groups-2011>

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Southern Poverty Law Center, Active 'Patriot' Groups in the United States in 2011
<http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2012/spring/active-patriot-groups-in-the-united-states>

Haiti: Where did the Money go?
<http://filmat11.tv/>

EMAP- Who is Accredited
<http://usodep.blogs.govdelivery.com/2012/04/17/a-look-behind-the-scenes-part-ii-the-website-accessibility-information-gap/>

IS-551 - Devolution Planning
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is551.asp>

Women confronting natural disaster: from vulnerability to resilience
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=26149&a=email>

Public Health Emergency Website

Join the Public Health Response
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/news/events/Pages/phresponse.aspx>

NDMS Recruitment Information
<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/responders/ndms/teams/Pages/recruitment.aspx>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

DARPA's Robotics Challenge Seeks Machines for Disaster Response

http://www.slate.com/blogs/future_tense/2012/04/10/darpa_robotics_challenge_for_disaster_response_machines_.html

As weather gets biblical, insurers go missing

<http://news.yahoo.com/insurers-rethink-coverage-weather-disaster-payouts-124608977.html>

NJ flood victims ask: Where did those millions in federal aid go?

http://redtape.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/04/12/11147686-nj-flood-victims-ask-where-did-those-millions-in-federal-aid-go?lite

Better Understanding of Psychosocial Consequences of Disasters Needed, Report Says

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/better-understanding-of-psychosocial-consequences-of-disasters-needed-report-says/8dc0f958951ddc45ded0930fec54303.html>

Official: \$17 million in public costs for storms (Texas)

<http://www.ktbs.com/news/Official-17-million-in-public-costs-for-storms/-/144844/10584198/-/5lkqicz/-/index.html>

Twitcident Fights Fire with Twitter

<http://www.wired.com/gadgetlab/2012/04/twitcident-fights-fire-with-twitter/>

Marathon as dry-run disaster (Massachusetts)

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2008/04/21/marathon_as_dry_run_disaster/

National Emergency Alert System Goes Live

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/National-Emergency-Alert-System-Goes-Live.html?elq=93e26841c9f54fdc8c3e334e2253d881&elqCampaignId=322>

State Perspective: Pennsylvania

<http://www.securitymanagement.com/article/state-perspective-pennsylvania-009710?page=0%2C0>

Mayor Lee Highlights Emergency Preparedness to Mark 1906 Great Earthquake & Fire Anniversary (California)

<http://sfmayor.org/index.aspx?page=780>

Perry Decries Decision to Move C-130s (Texas)

<http://www.myfoxdfw.com/dpp/news/Perry-Decries-Decision-to-Move-C-130s-041112>

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It's Not Just Fukushima: Mass Disaster Evacuations Challenge Planners

<http://news.yahoo.com/not-just-fukushima-mass-disaster-evacuations-challenge-planners-160100287.html>

Are Online Tools the Future of Disaster Relief?

<http://mashable.com/2012/04/16/disaster-relief-online/>

Animal Welfare Groups Help Include Pets in Disaster Recovery

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Partnering-With-Animal-Welfare-Groups.html>

Pets of San Francisco, Earthquake Planners Have You Covered (California)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/15/us/pets-of-san-francisco-earthquake-planners-have-you-covered.html?_r=1

Deadly March Tornadoes Were First Billion-Dollar Disaster of 2012

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=deadly-march-tornadoes-were-first-billion-dollar-disaster-of-2012>

Fair planners gather to discuss emergency preparedness (Indiana)

<http://www.wthr.com/story/17389954/fair-planners-gather-to-discuss-emergency-preparedness>

Pa., NJ officials gather to talk emergency preparedness

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120331/NEWS90/203310320>

Quake tests looks for ways to shore up hospitals (California)

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/17485741/quake-tests-looks-for-ways-to-shore-up-hospitals>

Fewer need to flee as county revamps its decades-old hurricane strategy (Florida)

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/storm/storm-news/fewer-need-to-flee-as-county-revamps-its-2309763.html>

Thousands housed in trailers after Katrina may get payments

http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/04/17/11256591-thousands-housed-in-trailers-after-katrina-may-get-payments?lite

Could Better Tornado Warnings Cause Complacency?

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2012/04/16/us/ap-us-severe-storms.html?_r=2&ref=aponline

Radios still important in severe weather

http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/radios-still-important-in-severe-weather

Disaster preparedness is good for Kentucky businesses

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26169&a=email>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Al Qaeda bomb-making expert publishes magazine detailing how to make explosives
<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/al-qaeda-bomb-making-expert-publishes-magazine-detailing-explosives-article-1.1058969>

Foreign Spies Targeting U.S. Universities
<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/04/11/Foreign-Spies-Targeting-U-S-Universities.aspx>

Two Coast Guard members shot dead on Alaskan island
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